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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PAKISTAN, NORTH KOREA; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

PAKISTAN

¶1. "PAKISTAN WILL NEVER GET ON THE RIGHT TRACK," editorial in the April 16 DAINIK JAGRAN: "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has firmly stated that the peace talks cannot be resumed unless Pakistan stops allowing anti-India terrorist activities on its soil and acts against the perpetrators of the Mumbai assaults.... Pakistan is an expert at lying and misleading the world, especially the U.S. What can be more ridiculous than U.S. showering aid on a country whose intelligence agency works for terrorists! America must do something about the Zardari government's surrender to the Taliban. The Taliban can take control of Pakistan any time, and Pakistan's nuclear weapons may also fall into their hands. For India, it's a dangerous thought."

¶2. "WHERE ARE THE TALIBAN HEADED?" op-ed article in April 16 DAINIK JAGRAN by Bharat Dogra: "The Taliban's growing aggressiveness in Afghanistan and Swat is worrisome. Even more worrisome is America's attempt at dividing this group of troublemakers into "good Taliban" and "bad Taliban.... Pakistan itself is responsible for the talibanisation of its northwestern areas. Now the Taliban

can consolidate power by joining hands with already existing terrorist groups in Pakistan."

13. "PAK DECEIT," editorial in the April 9 Cuttack Oriya SAMAJA. "If the Taliban is in a position to strike anywhere in Pakistan it is because of America giving all helps to the Pakistan government to fight terrorism... The U.S. may keep on providing military aid but Pakistan will not be able to stop either the Taliban or Al-Qaida. The Obama Administration will have to accept the truth that Pakistan is neither serious nor sincere in the war against terrorism. A change in America's foreign policy is on the cards to win diplomatic support of Asian countries to launch decisive military action in Afghanistan. Obama has decided to deploy more troops in Kabul but the NATO allies seem to be in dilemma about Afghan situation."

NORTH KOREA

14. "RESTRAIN NORTH KOREA," editorial in the April 8 Cuttack Oriya SAMAJA. "...North Korea's defiance poses an open challenge while efforts are on for disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation. Global pressure on Pyongyang is justified. President Obama has taken the right initiative to call an emergency UNSC meeting to discuss this but that shows America's duplicity. It is serious about North Korea but is not concerned about the nuclear

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programs of Israel and Pakistan. While trying to restrain North Korea, Obama may have to answer this."

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